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TO: Local Boards of Health and Health Departments FROM:
Michael Moore, MDPH/BEH Food Protection Program

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RE: **Vendors Approved by MDPH to Provide Allergen Awareness Training**

The following three vendors are approved by Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) to issue certificates of allergen awareness training in accordance with 105 CMR 590.009(G)(3)(a)¹.

- Compliance – To comply with 105 CMR 590.009(G)(3)(a), at least ***one certified food protection manager per food establishment*** must obtain an allergen awareness certificate from one of these three MDPH-approved vendors.
- Online Training – To obtain an allergen awareness certificate over the Internet, visit a vendor's website, pay \$10, and follow the instructions for watching the allergen awareness video.
- Classroom Training - To obtain an allergen awareness certificate in a classroom setting, contact a vendor and ask for information about available classroom trainings.

Berkshire Area Health Education Center 703 West Housatonic St., Suite 208 Pittsfield, MA 01201	Options to be trained by Berkshire AHEC: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit their website at www.berkshireahec.org• Contact Timothy Diehl at tdiehl@berkshireahec.org• Call 413-447-2417, or 866-976-AHEC (2432)
Massachusetts Restaurant Association 333 Turnpike Road, Suite 102 Southborough, MA 01772	Options to be trained by MRA: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit the MRA website at www.themassrest.org• Call 508-303-9905

¹ 105 CMR 590.009(G)(3)(a) - By February 1, 2011, such food establishments [establishments that cook, prepare, or serve food intended for immediate consumption either on or off the premises] shall have on staff a certified food protection manager who has been issued a Massachusetts certificate of allergen awareness training by an allergen awareness training verification program recognized by the Department. The certificate will be valid for 5 years.